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REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING TO YATROV:

PROFESSOR S. N. YATROV
DIRECTOR, WNIKTEP
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DEAR PROFESSOR YATROV:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER CONCERNING THE FUTURE
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY
INFORMATION AND FORECASTING UNDER THE U.S./SOVIET ENERGY
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AGREEMENT.

I AM CONCERNED OVER THE IMPASSE WE APPEAR TO HAVE
REACHED CONCERNING THE FUTURE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OF OUR
WORKING GROUP. AS YOU KNOW, THE WORK OF OUR WORKING
GROUP WAS SLOW IN STARTING. ALTHOUGH ONE OF THE TWO MAIN
OBJECTIVES OF THE U.S./SOVIET AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN

THE FIELD OF ENERGY WAS, AS STATED IN ARTICLE II (B),

"TO ACHIEVE A BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF EACH COUNTRY'S NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS AND OUTLOOK," OUR FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING TOOK PLACE ONLY LAST DECEMBER, THREE AND A HALF YEARS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT. AT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD LAST DECEMBER IN MOSCOW, THE U.S. SIDE EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN EXPANDING THE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY OF THE INFORMATION AND FORECASTING WORKING GROUP TO INCLUDE SUBSTANTIVE, IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS OF OUR NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS AND OUTLOOKS. DEPUTY SECRETARY O'LEARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGOLD BOTH STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE U.S. AND USSR, THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF ENERGY, TO UNDERSTAND THE ROLE EACH EXPECTS TO PLAY IN THE WORLD ENERGY SYSTEM.

IN THE PROTOCOL, THE JOINT COMMITTEE "NOTED THE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER MUTUAL BENEFITS FROM COOPERATION IN THIS AREA AND EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN CONSIDERING PROPOSALS BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE EXPANSION OF SUBJECT MATTER AND FORMS OF COOPERATION."

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS, THE U.S. SIDE PRESENTED A SERIES OF PROPOSALS AT THE DECEMBER WORKING GROUP MEETING WHICH WOULD ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES
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STATED IN THE AGREEMENT AND IN THE PROTOCOL OF THE DECEMBER JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE U.S. SIDE ATTACHED TO THESE PROPOSALS WAS EMPHASIZED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY O'LEARY IN HIS DECEMBER 20 MEETING WITH YOU, IN A SUBSEQUENT LETTER FROM MR. O'LEARY TO MINISTER NEPOROZHNIY AND IN A RECENT LETTER FROM MR. HILL TO MR. MAL'TSEV.

YOUR RECENT RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSALS INCLUDES SEMINARS ON A NUMBER OF TOPICS WHICH WOULD BE OF SOME INTEREST. THE SUGGESTED SUBJECT MATTER, HOWEVER, IS NOT THE MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN COOPERATION WHICH WE HAVE SOUGHT. THE U.S. SIDE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO REITERATE ITS POSITION AND SUGGEST THAT OUR NEXT MEETING INCLUDE SEMINARS NOT ONLY ON THE SUBJECTS YOU OUTLINED, BUT ALSO ON THE FOLLOWING THREE SUBJECTS:

--PROJECTED NATIONAL ENERGY BALANCES BY FUEL AND BY REGION FOR 1980, 1985 AND 1990 UNDER VARIOUS SETS OF GEOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC AND POLICY ASSUMPTIONS,

--IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR POLICY ISSUES AND CURRENT

APPROACHES TO THOSE ISSUES, AND

--PROJECTED WORLDWIDE ENERGY BALANCES BY FUEL AND BY
REGION FOR THE YEARS 1980, 1985 AND 1990 UNDER THE
SAME ASSUMPTIONS USED IN THE NATIONAL ENERGY
PROJECTIONS.

IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THESE SUBJECTS, EACH SIDE
WILL REQUIRE TIME TO STUDY THE PAPERS PREPARED BY THE
OTHER SIDE. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT WE EXCHANGE
PAPERS ON ALL SUBJECTS BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1978. IF WE CAN
AGREE ON MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SUBJECT MATTER AND IF BOTH
SIDES AGREE THAT THE PAPERS PROVIDED A MEANINGFUL BASIS
FOR DISCUSSION, I BELIEVE WE CAN HOLD THE WORKING GROUP
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MEETING, AS WE HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED, IN THE LAST WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER, 1978. WE WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO SUBMIT A
MEANINGFUL AND POSITIVE REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO OVERCOME
THESE OBSTACLES AND PROCEED WITH THE IMPORTANT WORK OF
OUR GROUP.

SINCERELY

SARAH JACKSON
U.S. CHAIRMAN

CC: MR. MALTSEV CHRISTOPHER

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